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Examiner must examine it on the merits." This policy should apply in the present application to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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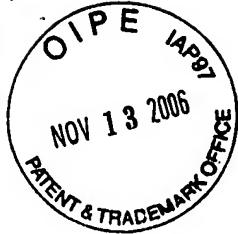
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Title : SEALING BAND FOR PROJECTILE, SUB-CALIBER PROJECTILE
AND AMMUNITION EQUIPPED WITH SUCH A BAND

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 10, 2006, applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, the Band, corresponding to Figure 1, and the Projectile and Ammunition, corresponding Figure 5 for initial examination in this application. Claims 1, 2, 4-10 and 16 read on the elected Species and are generic to all of Species a-d outlined in the Office Action.

However, applicants respectfully traverse the election of species requirement since the subject matter of all of claims 1-17, is sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the elected claims would necessarily encompass a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Thus, search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP § 803 in which states that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the